

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the application into four different inventions, claim groupings I, II, III, and IV. The Examiner states that grouping I corresponds to Claims 1-20, grouping II to Claims 21-28 and 44-50, grouping III to Claims 29-37 and grouping IV to Claims 38-43.

Applicants have selected Group I as defined above (and in the Office Action) for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, examination of the pending claim in the application as it relates to the elected Group I is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the applicants' attorney at (732) 949-9742, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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